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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 15, 1988, at 12 noon.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1988

The House met at 12 noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we pray for those who have need in our world and we especially remember those who do not experience the liberties we enjoy. We know the human boundaries that separate people one from another and yet we know, too, the power of prayer to transcend all boundaries from whatever cause. We recall in this our prayer the hostages and their families, the refugees, those seeking political freedom, and all people who yearn for a home and security. We pray for them even as we pray for each other. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 5, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1987

Mr. HAWKINS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 5) to improve elementary and secondary education, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, disagree to the Senate amendments, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from

California? The Chair hears none, and appoints the following conferees:

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment (except section 7003), and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. HAWKINS, FORD of Michigan, KILDEE, WILLIAMS, MARTINEZ, HAYES of Illinois, PERKINS, SAWYER, SOLARZ, WISE, RICHARDSON, ROBINSON, VISCLOSKEY, ATKINS, JEFFORDS, GOODLING, and PETRI, Mrs. ROUKEMA, and Messrs. GUNDERSON, BARTLETT, FAWELL, HENRY, and GRANDY.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of section 7003 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DINGELL, MARKEY, SWIFT, RINALDO, and BLILEY.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 5, 1988.

Hon. JIM WRIGHT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received at 12:25 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 1988, the following message from the Secretary of the Senate: That the Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 210; and passed without amendment House Joint Resolution 402 and House Concurrent Resolution 242.

With great respect, I am,
Sincerely yours,

DONALD K. ANDERSON,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation; which was read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION,
Washington, DC, January 26, 1988.

Hon. JIM WRIGHT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. WRIGHT: Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, as amended, the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation approved the following projects on December 10, 1987:

LEASE PROSPECTUSES

VA Outpatient Clinic, Los Angeles, California.
IRS Service Center (amended), Austin, Texas.

IRS, Woburn, Massachusetts.
Health and Human Services/Food and Drug Administration, Dallas, Texas.
Federal Supply Service, Northeast Depot (modified).

U.S. Geological Survey, Arvada, Colorado.
Health and Human Services—Office of the Assistant Secretary (NCHS), Suburban, Maryland (modified).

Department of Defense—Defense Communications Agency, Northern Virginia.

Department of Defense and Office of the Secretary of Defense, 1201 South Fern Street, Northern Virginia.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Army and Air Force, Columbia Pike Building, Northern Virginia.
 Department of Defense, Skyline IV Building, Northern Virginia.
 Department of Defense/Army, Woodmont Complex, Suburban Maryland.
 EPA—OAQPA (Office of Air Quality and Planning Standards) Durham Research Triangle, Park, North Carolina.

CONSTRUCTION

Internal Revenue Service, Memphis, Tennessee.

ACQUISITION

Border Station, Wethersley Island, New York.

11(B) RESOLUTIONS

Upper Manhattan/Harlem, New York.
 Lower Manhattan, New York.
 Internal Revenue Service, Washington-Metropolitan area.
 Department of the Navy, Washington-Metropolitan Area.
 The original and one copy of the authorization resolution is enclosed.
 Every best wish.
 Sincerely,

JAMES J. HOWARD,
 Chairman.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1988

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 17, 1988.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINT COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 16, 1988, the Speaker be authorized to accept resignations, and to appoint commissions, boards, and committees authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO APPOINT TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TO REPRESENT THE HOUSE AT CEREMONIES IN OBSERVANCE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the minority leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Wash-

ington's birthday to be held on February 22, 1988.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

THE CLEAN GRAIN ACT OF 1988

(Mr. SLATTERY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SLATTERY. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Clean Grain Act of 1988.

The Clean Grain Act establishes incentives for the delivery of top quality, clean grain to the Commodity Credit Corporation. A cleaner, higher quality product would help U.S. farmers regain an important competitive edge in international markets.

My legislation directs the Federal Government to take a leading role in recognizing the value of high quality, clean grain. Specifically, the act directs that premiums be paid to farmers who deliver exceptionally clean grain to the Commodity Credit Corporation. Warehousemen who clean CCC-owned grain would also qualify for premiums.

The benefits of clean grain are evident. Besides expanding the farmer's export markets, clean grain is less expensive to handle and transport, and less likely to spoil or become insect infested during storage.

American farmers should never lose the sale of one bushel of grain because cleaner grain was available somewhere else. American farmers and warehousemen have invested in the world's most sophisticated grain production and handling system. We must use that advantage to make U.S. grain the cleanest, highest quality grain in the world marketplace.

LEGISLATION TO CURE THE BUDGET FIASCO

(Mr. GEKAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, the budget fiasco that beset us 2 days before Christmas should never be repeated. Not only did we see year after year a crisis atmosphere that compelled us with our backs to the wall to pass a final budget document at 3 o'clock in the morning as it was this last time, without anyone really knowing the contents of what that massive document contained, known as the budget, but we had to undergo the indignity of knowing and suffering later knowledge that many Members both in the Senate and in the House slipped in last-minute kinds of items unbeknownst to the rest of the membership all of which passed because we had to pass a budget and now only through newspaper and other kinds of investigations do we learn of some of

the inequities of what happened on that budget crisis day.

I have introduced legislation which although not a cure for this budget dilemma of ours, at least will go a long way in putting to rest forever the possibility that Members could do this, No. 1, and, No. 2, that it would end for all time the crisis atmosphere under which we create that final budget.

What I propose is this: that if indeed the Congress of the United States fails to pass a budget by September 30 of a given year that the next morning, midnight of the 1st of October, automatically it should be reenacted, the budget of the previous year. So automatically enactment of the previous year's budget eliminates for all time that crisis that we talked about and does not prevent the Congress if it should wish to do so, create a new budget. It cannot affect Gramm-Rudman and it can do away with crisis management.

TAX STATUS OF SOLICITATIONS MADE BY NONCHARITABLE TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS

(Mr. PICKLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee's Oversight Subcommittee, I want to bring to the attention of all of my colleagues a provision added to our tax laws on December 22, 1987, by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 which became effective on February 1, 1988. This provision concerns fundraising solicitations made by non-charitable tax-exempt organizations, political action committees and political committees. Thus it affects us all—now, today.

The law requires that beginning February 1, 1988, all fundraising solicitations from noncharitable tax-exempt organizations, political action committees and political organizations must state in a conspicuous and easily recognizable format that contributions or gifts to the organizations are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.

This new requirement to disclose that the contributions are not deductible affect solicitations for contributions made in written or printed form, by television or radio, or by telephone. Organizations whose gross receipts are normally less than \$100,000 are exempt from the disclosure requirement.

Failure to disclose this information in the solicitation for funds could result in a penalty of \$1,000 for each day the failure occurs, up to a maximum annual penalty of \$10,000. No penalty will be imposed if the failure is due to reasonable cause.

The requirement is part of the lobbying and political activities of tax-exempt organizations provisions of the